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1. MISSION CONCURS THAT ICS AND CHIANG MAI AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED RPT UNCLASSIFIED UPON SIGNATURE. RTG CONCURS.

2. REGARDING AIT, IT OCCURS TO US THAT MAKING PUBLIC FACT THAT WE HAVE GRANTED 9-YEAR REPAYMENT FOR FMS CREDITS USED FOR PURCHASE OF AIT IN FY 76 AND FY77 COULD INVITE PRESSURE FROM OTHER FMS CREDIT RECIPIENTS FOR SIMILAR TERMS. IN ADDITION, RTG MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ADMIRAL SA-NGAT, WHEN WE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIM, REQUESTED THAT THE AIT AGREEMENT NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT AIT AGREEMENT BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO PROTECT FINANCIAL TERMS AND AMOUNTS AND KINDS OF AMMUNITION INVOLVED.

3. FOR PRESS GUIDANCE, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT COPIES OF THE ICS AND CHIANG MAI AGREEMENTS BE MADE AVAILABLE. PRIMARY POINT OF INTEREST MOST LIKELY WILL BE NUMBER OF AMERICANS INVOLVED. FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ICS, NO U.S. PERSONNEL WILL BE INVOLVED EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION. FOR CHIANG MAI, FIVE U.S. AIR FORCE ENLISTED MEN WILL BE STATIONED AT CHIANG MAI FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING THAI COUNTERPARTS. THAT NUMBER WILL BE REDUCED GRADUALLY OVER THE YEAR WITH THE LAST ONE SCHEDULED TO DEPART IN DECEMBER 1977. RE AIT, WE PROPOSE TO INFORM PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, IF THEY INQUIRE, THAT THE DETAILS OF AGREEMENT ARE

CLASSIFIED (PRINCIPALLY, TO KEEP THE TYPES OF AMMUNITION INVOLVED CONFIDENTIAL), BUT THAT THE SALE INVOLVED ABOUT 14,500 TONS OF AMMUNITION FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF ABOUT \$45 MILLION AND THAT ONE U.S. ARMY OFFICER, TWO ENLISTED MEN AND ONE CIVILIAN WILL BE POSTED AT KORAT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE UNTIL TITLE OF THE AMMUNITION IS COMPLETELY TRANSFERRED TO THE RTG.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPT. CONCURS THIS APPROACH, AS QUESTIONS WILL SURELY ARISE HERE AFTER THE SUBJECT IS BROACHED IN PRESS BRIEFING IN WASHINGTON (REF B) AND PERHAPS EARLIER IN CONNECTION WITH PRESENT VISIT OF CINCPAC.
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